

ALDERMEN PRODUCE CITY OFFICIALS.

Pass a Resolution Asking
That Works Be No
Longer Delayed.

NO DOUBT ABOUT DISTRESS

Pitiful Appeals from Their Con-
stituents Show the Crying
Need for Help.

IDLENESS NOW AN OUTRAGE.

Social Reform and Central Labor
Union Committee Find Further
Evidence of Red Tape
in Departments.

The Board of Aldermen yesterday joined
in the demand that the heads of city de-
partments disregard trifling legal formalities
and untenable objections on account of
frost, and by pushing public work give em-
ployment to the thousands whose wives and
children are suffering from hunger.

The expression of the Board was in the
shape of a resolution requesting, in diplo-
matic terms, that public work be hastened
for the relief of the idle. It was intro-
duced by Alderman Elias Goodman, and
was adopted without a dissenting voice.

Although but a request, the resolution
carries with it weight that no city official
can safely ignore. It comes from men who
represent the voters in the localities where
they live, and who learn more of want in
a day than do Mayor Strong, Commissioner



**'YOU CAN THROW AWAY
MY OLD ONES'**

THESE TINY FEET MUST BE GLAD!

How the "Brownstone" Chil-
dren May Make the
"Tenements" Happy.

SHOES NEEDED FORTHWITH

The Journal Starts Another Fund
Especially for This
Purpose.

A HALF HOLIDAY THAT FAILED,

East Side Teachers Dismissed Pupils
Early, That They Might Visit the
Relief Bureau, but the Shoe
Supply Ran Short.

Previously acknowledged	\$9,662.56
John Hartmann	3.00
Susanna and Margaret	3.00
Annie and Florence	1.00
E. E. C. B.	2.00
Will Gay Foster	1.50
From a Mrs. L.	1.00
Members of the Mounted Squad, Park Police and Ambulance Service	7.50
Bickswest	1.00
Mary C. Francis	1.00
Poverty	1.00
Total	\$9,681.71

**HOW TO HELP THE LITTLE
ONES.**
The Journal invites subscrip-
tions for a children's shoe fund.



**'I WONDER WHAT
WARM SHOES
FEEL LIKE'**



JUST FROM PARIS

Several lines of high class Paris
Novelty Dress Goods that are ex-
clusive—cannot be found elsewhere—
are first shown this morning. Many
varieties of Barege Grenadines and
Lace Etamines are among them.

The rich completeness of our col-
lection of Black Dress Goods can be
best understood by the most experi-
enced critics. Merely a list of titles
would fill newspaper columns. The
beautiful fabrics, original weaves,
splendid qualities and unusual cheap-
ness challenge the attention of shop-
pers. A matchless stock.

Muscovite. A new wool fabric in
black and six popular colors. Ask
to see it.

The great volume of our Dress
Goods operations gives scope for the
very best service to the retail trade of
New York. Our groups of the latest
goods are interesting. The cordial
invitation to examine them is ex-
tended equally to all, whether intend-
ing purchasers or not.

BEDROOM FURNITURE

Price alone is no criterion of cheap-
ness—trash is dear at any price. You
can count on a saving of at least a
third on the February offering of
Bedroom Suits.

BEDROOM SUITS

Of Oak, 3 pieces; full width bed, carved
headboard, dressing bureau, mirror 18x
20 in.; enclosed commode \$10.

Of Mahogany, 2 pieces; full width bed,
carved headboard, dressing bureau,
shaped top and French bevel plate oval
mirror 24x30 in.; \$22.

Of Curly Birch, 3 pieces; full width bed,
carved headboard, dressing bureau,
French bevel plate mirror 24x30 in.;
combination commode, \$26.50.

Over 150 styles of Bedroom Suits,

in oak, curly birch, mahogany, bird's-
eye maple and white enamel. Prices
\$10 to \$29.50.

CHIFFONIERS

In great variety of styles and all the
popular woods. Prices \$4.75 to \$9.50
—every one cheap.

METAL BEDSTEADS

We saved money on these. Now
the opportunity is yours.

White Enamel with brass trimmings, 3
feet to 44 feet wide, \$7 to \$15. A fine
quality wire spring attached to each.

FOURTH FLOOR.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

The White Fair has passed into
the Muslin Underwear store, and the
sales go on. New lots just added are
even cheaper than their predecessors.

Corsets of cambric, trimmed with
embroidery; 18c, 25c, 35c, 50c.

Drawers of muslin, some cambric, trimmed
with embroidery, some with lace, others
have ruffles, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c.

Gowns of muslin, some cambric, trimmed
with embroidery or lace, 35c, 50c, 65c,
75c, \$1.

Skirts of muslin, umbrella ruffle, trimmed
with embroidery, 50c.

Chemises of muslin, trimmed with em-
broidery, 40c.

Second Floor, Fourth Avenue.

WOMEN'S GLOVES

The Princess May Gloves for
women have commanded their own
place, and will maintain it. The best
real kid Gloves at ONE DOLLAR.

Tenth Street.

VEILINGS

New things in Veilings—a lot of
them have just come from Europe.
Large dots, small dots—new ways of
scattering them. Prices 20c to \$1.50
a yd.

Broadway, Tenth Street.

WOMEN'S HOSIERY

None the less good for being very
cheap. English and German fast
black cotton and lisle thread Hosiery,
35c the pair, 3 pairs for \$1.

Broadway.

MEN'S CLOTHING

Thoroughly up-to-date. A short
but expressive description of our
Clothing offerings:

PRINCE ALBERT COATS will be in high
favor for Spring. An assortment of
them here. Made of popular clothes,
handsomely finished, that will please the
most critical. Moderate prices.

PRINCE ALBERT COATS AND VESTS of
fine black thibet. Coat silk faced,
Italian cloth lined, double or single-
breasted Vests; both \$20; if Coat is silk
lined throughout, \$25.

Of the finest imported vicuna. Coat silk
lined, double-breasted Vest. Both \$35
Extremely nobby.

Second Floor, Ninth Street.

MEN'S NECKWEAR

The picking is still good in the
high grade Neckwear reduced to
TWENTY-FIVE CENTS. All the
popular shapes and patterns. Just
as good as when they were fairly
priced 75c to \$1.50.

Special counter, Broadway.

APOLLO HARPS

Easily mastered, charming music.
An excellent accompaniment to the
voice. Different from all other
Harps. Better. Requires but little
practice to play the most difficult
music upon them. A slight shifting
of a bar changes the key. Prices
\$3 to \$30.

Basement.

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GOODMAN ON HIS RESOLUTION.

To Editor New York Journal:
It seems to me that the officials might hasten public work and thus give
employment for the poor, and that the present agitation will have such result.
By this I do not mean to say that the heads of departments are delaying im-
provements, but there are many ways in which legal forms can be curtailed and
where work stopped on account of the winter can be resumed before all the
frost is out of the ground.

The need of work for the unemployed is probably more apparent to the Al-
dermen individually than to the heads of the departments. There is not a day
that many men do not call on me and beg that I get work for them. The other
members of the board have had similar experience. The resolution adopted to-
day went as far as the board has authority. It will serve, I think, in aiding the
Social Reform Club and the Journal in keeping the question agitated.

ELIAS GOODMAN,
Author of the Relief Resolution.

Collis, Commissioner Wright and the mem-
bers of the Dock Board in a month.

Belegged by the Starving.

Scarcely an hour passes from daylight to
midnight that every member of the Board
does not receive appeals for assistance in
getting work.

The vote on Alderman Goodman's resolu-
tion was a rousing shout of "ayes."

ALDERMEN ON THE NEED OF WORK.

They Emphatically Declare City Officials Should Relieve
the Prevailing Idleness.

Aldermen expressed themselves emphatically yesterday in regard to the
prevailing distress and need of immediate employment; they declared the
city officials unnecessarily tardy in beginning public works. Here are the opin-
ions they uttered:

EMPLOYMENT MOST NEEDED IN WINTER.

WILLIAM CLANCY—I never could understand the reason for stopping
public work in Winter, when men are most in need of employment. If a cor-
poration were to throw its employees out of work when cold weather sets in
there would be a howl from one end of the country to the other about it, and
still not a word is said about New York City doing so, till nearly Spring. It
is a little late for remedying the evil, but not too late.

DUTY OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE WORK.

JOHN P. WINDOLPH, vice-president of the Board—I am heartily in favor
of pushing public work as much as it can be pushed. There is undoubtedly
great suffering among the unemployed, and it is the duty of the city to re-
lieve it.

KNOWS OF GREAT SUFFERING.

JOHN JEROME, President of the Board—The resolution adopted to-day
expresses my views exactly. I know of great suffering among the unemployed,
and I think officials should take as prompt action as possible to relieve it.

PROMPT RELIEF DOUBLY EFFECTIVE.

WILLIAM TATE—The city authorities should bear in mind that a little
prompt relief is better than twice as much long delayed. If 20,000 men could be
put at work on public improvements to-morrow it would do more good than giving
employment to 100,000 in June.

OFFICIALS IGNORANT OF DISTRESS.

* JEREMIAH KENNEDY—I think that the heads of departments will be
influenced by our resolution to-day to take prompt steps in providing work for
the unemployed. They probably did not know that there is so much distress as
actually exists.

WHAT IF IT DOES COST A LITTLE MORE?

FREDERICK A. WARE—I am in favor of doing anything that can be done
for the poor. Even if public work does cost a little more in Winter than Sum-
mer, let it be done.

THE BEST GOOD FOR THE CITY.

BENJAMIN E. HALL—The resolution adopted to-day should be promptly
acted on by the city officials. The heads of departments could do nothing better
for the city at large than to provide work in public improvements for the unemployed.

TO STEER CLEAR OF TECHNICALITIES.

JOHN T. OAKLEY, CHAIRMAN FINANCE COMMITTEE—It is my opinion
there is as great, if not greater, distress now than in 1896-1897. If the Board
of Aldermen had the power it would provide employment immediately at public
work for so many of the idle as possible. Not having the power, the only
thing we can do is to request the heads of departments to act promptly. To
be sure, the city officials can give excuses for not hastening public work. What
we want is for them to find a way to steer clear of technicalities.

FROST DOES NOT PREVENT WORK.

ANDREW A. NOONAN—If I didn't know so much about public work, I might
take some stock in the claim of the Commissioner of Public Works that frost in-
terferes with the grading of streets, laying of water mains and construction of
sewers. As a matter of fact, there is only about a three inch frost crust and that
offers but little resistance. Even if it did, what's the difference? The people of
New York are not going to quibble about a trifling additional expenditure when id-
lers are thereby given the employment that will furnish food for their hungry
families.

Among the things that may be accom-
plished by the action, it was stated, is the
immediate beginning of work by the De-
partment of City Works in suite of the
season.

It has been argued by Commissioner
Collis that nothing can be done so long as
there is any frost, in the ground. Eight
foot trenches for water mains cannot be
made, he has maintained, because a few
inches of the surface is frost encrusted.
New streets cannot be graded on account
of the resistance to the picks of workmen,
or the inclemency of the weather.

The reply of Alderman Noonan, who se-
conded the Goodman resolution, to the
claims of the Department of Works of-
ficials, is that there are not over three
inches of frost in the ground, and that a
strong man with a sharp pick can loosen
enough frost encrusted surface in ten

minutes to uncover mellow soil for a day's
work in the average trench. The same ar-
gument applies to street grading.

The joint committee of the Social Reform
Club and Central Labor Union learned more
about these delays yesterday than any of
the members had ever known before. The
committee first called on Commissioner
Croft, of the Department of Charities. The

delegation consisted of ex-Assemblyman
Ernest H. Crosby, Commander Booth-
Tucker, J. B. Reynolds, of the University
Settlement; Dr. Jane Robbins, of the Col-
lege Settlement; George Tomblinson, of the
Gilders Union; John P. Maher, of the Cen-
tral Labor Union; Daniel Harris, D. P.
Saup, R. J. Hawkes and Moses Oppen-
heimer.

They found, as stated in the Journal this
morning, that work is to be immediately
provided for 8,000 men in the improvements
to the Almshouse, on Blackwell's Island, to

be ready to receive the thousands of idlers
who will be coming to the city in the
spring.

Mr. Oppenheimer asked Mr. Croft why
there had been such great delay and was
told by Mr. Croft that it was due to the
legal technicalities. He placed a great deal
of blame on the State Charities Board,
which was required to approve the plans
and look three or four months in doing so.

Mr. Croft was asked why the work on
the new Governor's Hospital, which is to
cost \$3,000,000, had not been commenced,
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starting the construction of the new
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LILLIAN IN LILY'S CAR.

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rangements with A. H. Hummel, represent-
ing Mrs. Lily Langtry, for the purchase
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Lee to the "Jersey Lily," they had a falling
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ing side during the fight between Mitchell
and Corbett, caught cold that resulted in
his death three weeks later. Mrs. Langtry
made one tour of the country after this,
but it proved disastrous, and when she
returned to England, she left the car and
five thoroughbred horses in Mr. Hummel's
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The price fixed upon was \$20,000. Miss
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West Seventy-second Street for \$38,000, and
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"Please have you any old shoes?"



**What a little
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(sketched from life)

Bellevue Hospital, Harlem Hospital and the
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The girls and boys of the ten-
ements are in sore need for the
want of shoes. So great is their
need that the supply of cast-off
shoes, although generous, is in-
adequate. The Children's Shoe
Fund will be kept separate from
the Journal's Relief Fund, which
is devoted to supplying the starv-
ing with food and, in extreme
and deserving cases, helping
them financially.

Shoes and clothing—cast-off or
new—are greatly needed. Such
contributions should be sent to
the Journal's Relief Depot, No.
484 Grand street, or to any of the
following addresses:

Harlem—No. 50 East One Hun-
dred and Twenty-fifth street.

Madison square—No. 1122 Broad-
way.

Brooklyn—No. 350 Fulton street.

Hundreds of school children on the East
Side had a half holiday yesterday.

Now a half holiday is a very important
event all the world over—at least, wherever

pack them and to send them where they
are wanted.

A Message Long Awaited.

The school teachers had not considered
this. They had read the Journal's appeal,
and read it with delight because it con-
veyed the very message they had been
longing to send to the girls and boys of
up-town. And in their delight they de-
clared the half holiday, forgetting that there were
no good fairies to drive the express com-
panies out of business by splitting packages
of shoes over the house-tops.

All of which recalls the fact that the
school teachers of the East Side are the
best friends the Journal has in its work
of trying to make the poor, and especially
their children, less miserable. These men
and women of education have had their
hearts opened by years of work among
those who are often in extremity and nearly
always in need. No flexible catch phrases
have they about "pauperizing the poor."
They know too much and think too much,
and, above all, they feel too much about
things as they really are to let the cant
of cent per cent "philanthropy" drip like

fermented honey from their lips.

No! The teachers among the tenements
have no misgivings about the Journal's
work. They look upon the relief bureau as
a godsend. They spend their spare hours
there watching and helping. They send
their pupils there for food, for clothing,
for shoes. And yesterday they gave that mo-
mentous half-holiday.

But to-day it will be different. Even be-
fore closing hour yesterday evening—too
late for distribution—the gifts of the
brownstone boys and girls had begun to
arrive, promising a handsome supply for to-
day. Even then it will be only a begin-
ning—a little weak beginning. That is
why the Journal is starting the Children's
Shoe Fund. There are not enough wear-
able cast-off little shoes among the brown-
stones to cover the bare, cold, bruised lit-
tle feet among the tenements. Therefore
the Journal asks its generous readers to
send money to buy new shoes, to be given
away where they are most needed. And
the Journal knows